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SUBJ: TIEN AN MEN INCIDENT ANNIVERSARY: WU TEH STIWS UNDER FIRE

REFS: A) PEKING 893, B) PEKING 926

1. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT ADDITION TO THIS SEASON'S CROP OF
WALLPOSTERS ON APRIL 7 IS ANOTHER LONG (INDEED, LONG-WINDED)
OPUS BY THE SCHOOL TEACHER WHO ATTACKED PEKING FIRST SECRETARY
27 TEH FOR IMPEDING PROPER INVESTIGATION AND RESOLUTION OF
THE "HUANG SHUAI INCIDENT" AT THE 150TH MIDDLE SCHOOL IN
PEKING (REF A). POSTED ALONGSIDE THE ACCOUNT OF UNJUST
TORTURE AND IMPRISONMENT OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1976 TIEN AN
MEN INCIDENT WHICH BEGAN TO ATTRACT LARGE CROWDS ALONG
CHANG AN STREET NEAR THE MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ON APRIL 4, THE NEW EFFORT BY THE SCHOOL TEACHER IS
BASICALLY A REHASH OF THE MATERIAL IN THE MARCHNXOSTER.
DESPITE THE STALE CONTENT, CURIOUS ONLOOKERS CONTINUED TO
CROWD AROUND -- PRIMARILY, ONE SUSPECTS, OWING TO THE
NOVELTY OF SEEING PEKING'S FIRST SECRETARY ATTACKED BY NAME
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ON THE MAIN STREET IN HIS CITY.

2. THE AUTHOR OF THE POSTER TIES 27 TEH EXPLICITLY TO THE
"WIND," "SLIPPERY," AND "COVER-UP" FACTIONS CASTIGATED IN
THE LIBERATION ARMY DAILY AND THE PEOPLE'S DAILY. HE
CHARGES THAT WU TEH HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SUPPRESSION SINCE
1973 OF THOSE -- HIMSELF INCLUDED -- WHO WISHED TO EXPOSE

AND CRITICIZE THE GANG OF FOUR. THE TITLE OF THE POSTER BORROWS FROM THE TERMINOLOGY OF THE MARCH 30 LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITOR'S NOTE PRECEDING THE ACCOUNT OF COVERUP IN HEILUNKIANG, CALLING FOR "PRYING UP" (CH'IEH-K'AI) GO THE LID OF SUPPRESSION.

3. THE AUTHOR'S CREDIBILITY IS SLIGHTLY ERODED, HOWEVER, BY HIS ADMISSION IN THE OPENING LINES OF THE NEW POSTER THAT HE HAD SUFFERED A "NERVOUS DISORDER" IN 1973 AS A RESULT OF PERSECUTION BY WU TEH'S MINIONS, NOTABLY INCLUDING FORMER CHIANG CHING ASSOCIATE AND PEKING PARTY SECRETARY HSIEH CHING-YI AND THE PEKING WESTERN DISTRICT PARTY LEADER SUNG CHIN. IN FACT, THE AUTHOR MAKES A LESS THAN THOROUGHLY CONVINCING CASE THAT WU TEH IS IN FACT AT FAULT IN THE CASE EXCEPT INSOFAR AS HE FAILED TO RESPOND TO LETTERS OF APPEAL AND TAKE ACTION AGAINST HIS SUBORDINATES.

4. AT TIEN AN MEN SQUARE MANY GROUPS -- PRIMARILY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN -- ARE STILL ARRIVING TO PRESENT WREATHS AND TO TAKE OATHS. A FEW NEW SMALL-CHARACTER POSTERS APPEARED OVER THE PAST 24 HOURS, BUT CONTENT WAS UNEXCEPTIONAL.

5. ONE BRITISH EMBOFF ADVISES US THAT HE DID GLIMPSE THE ANTI-KANG SHENG POSTER (REF B) REPORTED BY AFP. WHILE SPECIFIC CHARGES WERE NOT MADE AGAINST KANG, THE POSTER LISTED KANG AS PART OF A HISTORICAL SEQUENCE OF PERSONAGES INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL

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CHEN PO-TA, LIN PIAO, KANG, AND THE GANG OF FOUR -- RATHER BAD COMPANY BY ANYONE'S DEFINITION.
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